

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Office Action dated March 22, 2005, has been carefully considered. In the Office Action, the Patent Examiner raised an election of species requirement between Species I directed at Figures 3, 5, 9 and 10; and Species II which comprise Figures 1, 4 and 6-8. Figure 2 was considered generic to both species.

By way of this Response, Applicant herewith elects Species II which comprises Figures 1, 4 and 6-8 (with Figure 2 being included as being generic to this specie).

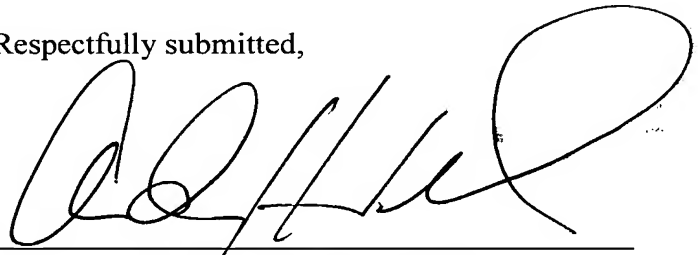
In accordance with paragraph 4 of the Office Action and to be responsive to the election of species requirement, claims 1-3, 5-17, 19-29, and 31-34 are all generic to Species II. Thus, claims 4, 18, and 30 are directed toward an embodiment contained within Species I, and are not readable upon the elected Species.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests further examination of the patent application.

CONCLUSION

The application is considered in good and proper form for allowance, and the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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